

The FCC's proposed deregulation of media ownership rules will be a disaster for the public if approved. We need MORE regulation, not less, to prohibit monopolies over media. The current status of commercial radio, after several years of such regulation, proves that a very small number of companies WILL, in fact, quickly gain control of most media outlets nationwide if allowed. This has been a detriment to local communities, as the same radio programming is now beamed nationwide, virtually eliminating coverage of issues of local interest, and has homogenized news reporting and music. Stronger regulation is needed to maintain the diversity of viewpoints, artists, and programming that our diverse nation deserves.